



THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Chakraborty, et al.

Serial No.: 09/524,408

Group Art Unit: 2123

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Examiner: Eduardo Garcia Otero

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR APPLYING FINE-GRAINED TRANSFORMS
DURING PLACEMENT SYNTHESIS INTERACTION

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to continued examination of the above-identified application, and in response to the final rejection set forth in the Office Action dated January 5, 2005, please amend the application as follows: